

REMARKS

This application pertains to a novel process for producing elastane fiber from spinning solutions comprising recycled waste material obtained from elastane fiber.

Claims 1-13 and 15 - 33 are pending, claim 14 being cancelled by this amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation that only claim 14 is rejected, and that claims 1-13 and 15-33 are allowable.

Claim 14 has now been cancelled, and claims 1-13 and 15-33 are the only claims remaining in the application.

It is believed that claims 1-13 and 15-33 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested, and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner not deem the present amendment and remarks to place the instant claims in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment Under Rule 116 be entered for the purpose of placing the prosecution record in better condition for appeal.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Appellants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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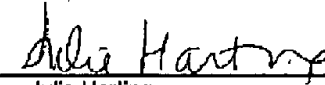
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